

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
OCTOBER 17, 1996

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, October 17, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., at the Resource Center in the Landmark Building in Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Yvonne Brown, Joanna Heidel, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, II, Patricia Puckett, Perrin Purvis, William Seal, Hazel Terry, and George Walker.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, William Box, William Bunch, Jr., Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, R. L. McClellan, and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:00 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Yvonne Brown.

Chairman Walker welcomed visitors Dr. Barry Mellinger, President of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Mrs. Nancy Alley, representing the State Department of Education and Mr. Don Moore of the Resource Center.

Mr. Walker thanked Mr. Don Moore for hosting the SBCJC meeting at the Resource Center. Mr. Moore gave a brief presentation on the Center established in 1992 by members of the private sector and the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development. The Center supports economic development throughout the State of Mississippi by providing services free of charge to economic developers to help promote recruitment, retention, and expansion of business and industry in Mississippi.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Yvonne Brown, the Board approved the minutes of the September 19, 1996, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda with the addition of an EdNet Report by Yvonne Brown under Other Business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Ray informed the Board of the hiring of two new SBCJC staff members, Executive Secretary, Ethel Ewing, and Administrative Secretary, Shanta Elizenberry.

Upon the request of SBCJC members, a flower fund has been established and initial contributions of \$10.00 will be collected. Dr. Ray asked that Deborah Gilbert oversee the fund and invoice members as funds become depleted.

Dr. Ray gave brief reports on the Mississippi Quality Awards Conference and on the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (MPACT) Program.

Dr. Ray distributed a copy of an article about Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's mobile training unit for their information.

The next SBCJC meeting will be held at Delta State University on November 13 and 14, 1996. Delta State University President Kent Wyatt has arranged for the Board to tour the Baxter Healthcare Plant in Cleveland on November 13.

Executive Director's Out-of-Town Schedule:

October 24 and 25 - Northeast Mississippi Community College and Itawamba Community College

October 28 and 29 - Mississippi Valley State University, MAC Conference

November 4 - Mobile, Alabama

November 11 - SBCJC office closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Dr. Barry Mellinger, MACJC Chairman, reported on the following items discussed at the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges on September 24, 1996:

Dr. David Haraway reported on the medical condition of a Northwest Community College student who suffered a spinal injury in a football competition.

The Association received a report from Ms. Peggy Hewlett, Project Director for the Robert Wood Johnson Grant, establishing the Office of Nursing Workforce Development.

A draft of the Mississippi Public Community and Junior Colleges Proposed Dual Enrollment/Early Admissions Policy was presented to the presidents for their review.

The presidents discussed the arrangements for the upcoming regional Legislative meetings and the recent Legislative Budget Office hearing.

The Association discussed formalizing plans for the brochure to introduce the 42.5 million dollar capital improvement request for presentation to the Mississippi Legislature during the FY 99 Session.

Dr. Mellinger received an invitation from Chancellor Robert Khayat inviting the MACJC to the University of Mississippi for the December meeting. The presidents voted to accept the invitation.

A copy of a Project Proposal Approval Process was presented by Mr. Mike Hoback, Project Director of the Mississippi Community College Foundation.

A discussion was held concerning a recent request from the PEER Committee on costs involved in complying with federal mandates.

The Association approved a request for \$5,000 for the 1996-1997 Creative Writing Association.

The Association voted to authorize Chairman Mellinger to draft a letter to the University of Arkansas in regard to providing graduate level nursing courses over the CCN.

Dr. Olon Ray, SBCJC Executive Director, reported on a CCN Taskforce meeting held in October, finalization of SBCJC reorganization plans, and announced the addition of SBCJC staff member, Dr. Evelyn Webb. Dr. Webb will serve as Associate Executive Director for Accountability and Support Services.

Dr. Ray reported on a survey of retirement profiles compiled in response to a request from the community/junior college presidents and the Public Education Forum.

Dr. Ray also reported to the Association that IHL had approved the reinstatement of the 24 hour rule concerning university admission requirements.

A report was received from Dr. Billy Thames on the Phi Theta Kappa Recognition Luncheon that will be held in the Spring of 1997.

The Association voted to hold the November meeting immediately following the MAC Conference at Mississippi Valley State University.

Finance Committee

On a motion by William Seal and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to approve the October 31, 1996, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Funds 4080, 4110, and 4301 in the total amount of \$5,128,864.67 (Exhibit A).

Mr. William Seal presented a recap of State Support for Capital Improvements for FY 1990 - FY 1997 for the Board's review (Exhibit B). No action was required.

Mr. Seal also presented the Bi-Monthly Capital Improvements Report (Exhibit C). No action was required.

On a motion by William Seal and a second by Perrin Purvis, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the purchase of Internet hardware in the amount of \$60,967.80 (Exhibit D).

Mr. Seal presented Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 for the Board's review (Exhibit E). No action was required.

Program Committee

On a motion by Yvonne Brown and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve a lower level course offering, Math 245 - Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II, for the University of Mississippi DeSoto Center in Southaven, Mississippi for Spring 1997.

On a motion by Yvonne Brown and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to accept the seventh edition of A Uniform Course Numbering System in Mississippi Public Community and Junior Colleges 1996-1997. Each Board member received a copy of the course numbering system.

On a motion by Yvonne Brown and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to grant full approval to Coahoma Community College's programs in Industrial Maintenance and Vehicular Mechanics. These programs were granted provisional approval at the July 19, 1996, SBCJC meeting pending submission of Student Interest Surveys, Employer Needs Assessments, and a list of advisory committee members.

On a motion by Yvonne Brown and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to approve a curriculum change request for Pharmacy Technology from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Jefferson Davis Campus.

On a motion by Yvonne Brown and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve a change in program status of Auto Mechanics from Vocational/Certificate status to Technical/Associate Degree level at Jones County Junior College.

On a motion by Yvonne Brown and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve a program title change from Medical Records to Medical Office Technology at Northwest Mississippi Community College's Lafayette/Yalobusha Center.

Workforce Education Report

Chairman Walker shared with Board members recent activities of the State Workforce Council. Council members are planning meetings with Senator Grey Ferris and Representative Billy McCoy in the near future to support the request for increases in workforce training funds.

Mr. Walker announced the latest Best Practices Award recipients, Georgia Pacific's Oxford Mill and Delco Remy America of Meridian, Mississippi. The awards were presented at the last Council meeting.

Mr. Walker reported that former SBCJC member, Nell Rogers, had been appointed to the State Workforce Council.

At the State Workforce Council's request, Mr. Al Sleppy, presented to the Legislative Budget Office a proposed accountability standards for workforce training funds that may be made available. Dr. Evelyn Webb has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Sleppy to work further on the accountability standards.

Mr. Walker reported on the Mississippi Quality Awards - Excellence in Mississippi Conference.

Mr. Walker shared with Board members an editorial from the September 30, 1996, issue of Business Week Magazine on worker training. Mr. Walker also stated that he had been approached by The Christian Science Monitor concerning an article on workforce training.

Mr. Walker stated that he planned to attend local District Workforce Council meeting throughout the state at least once during the year, and urged other Board members to attend their local Council's meeting when possible.

GED Report

Mr. William Box presented a report on the number of GED diploma recipients who are enrolled in community colleges. Mr. Box also distributed copies of a history of the number of GED diplomas issued between July 1, 1948, and December 31, 1995. The report also included an estimate of the number of diplomas that will be issued during calendar year 1996. Beginning January 1, 1997, the minimum score requirements for passing the GED will increase.

Funding and Finance Committee

Dr. Olon Ray reported that an agenda for the first Funding and Finance Committee meeting had been developed and a date would be set for the meeting in the near future.

Consideration for Change in Board Meeting Day

The Board agreed to schedule out-of-town meetings on Thursday and Friday instead of Wednesday and Thursday when possible.

On a motion by Perrin Purvis and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to change the date of the December meeting to Thursday, December 12, 1996, at 9:00 a.m.

Health Care Conference Update

Dr. Larry Day distributed to Board members a copy of the proposed Health Care Conference registration brochure, listing invited speakers and breakout sessions. The Conference will be funded through registration fees with additional funds, if needed, coming from the Rural Health Corp Project. Continuing education credit will be available to conference participants. Also, through the efforts of Hazel Terry, Mississippi ETV will video record sessions. The tapes will then be made available to interested parties who were unable to attend the conference. Chairman Walker urged all SBCJC members to attend.

Dr. Ray reported that the Keynote Speaker would be Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services in the Bush administration, that Dr. Sullivan's fee was \$7,500, and that Dr. Sullivan's address would be taped for additional use by ETV.

Mississippi Humanities Council Request

Dr. Ray reported that the Mississippi Humanities Council had approached him about presenting a request to the Mississippi Legislature for a \$500,000 line item included in the SBCJC's budget. After a discussion, the Board agreed to invite Humanities Council Director Barbara Carpenter to the November meeting for clarification of this request.

March 1997 Board Meeting

On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to hold the March 1997 meeting at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, Mississippi.

Board members also discussed holding future Board meetings at the University of Southern Mississippi and Alcorn State University.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by Patricia Puckett, seconded by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement to Perrin Purvis, George Walker, Hazel Terry and Joanna Heidel for their attendance at the Mississippi Quality Awards Conference on October 3 and 4, 1996; for Hazel Terry for her attendance at a District Workforce Council Meeting at Circle K Plantation; and Yvonne Brown for her attendance at an EdNet Board meeting on October 9, 1996.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, Yvonne Brown reported on items discussed at the EdNet Board meeting held on October 9, 1996. The Board requested that staff obtain historical information concerning the original EdNet Articles of Incorporation and present an update at the November meeting.

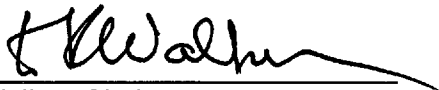
Mr. William Bunch reported that he had attended a meeting in which legislators and representatives of Mississippi casinos had discussed training needs for security and gaming machinery repair that could possibly be performed at local community colleges.

Chairman Walker urged Board members to speak with Legislators in their local districts and about the state in support of the community and junior colleges' capital improvements request.

Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed that spouses would be invited to attend the Wednesday evening dinner meetings. Expenses to be borne personally.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



George Walker, Chairman

Olon E. Ray
Executive Director